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Masked riders destroy public forest footpaths

OFF-ROAD motorcycles and quad bikes have been terrorising the public and causing tens of thousands of pounds worth of damage on the common in and around Hartley Wintney.

People wearing balaclavas and helmets have been racing around recklessly on off-road vehicles, abusing members of the public and destroying pathways in the West Green Common over the past six months.

Those riding the vehicles have not yet been identified but people are being urged to report the offenders.

There have even been reports of instances when dog walkers have nearly been hit by the bikes.

The Community Safety Projects team leader for Safer North Hampshire, David Lipscombe, said: "Residents have been reporting this for some time now.

"It really is not pleasant if those driving the vehicles are being abusive. There are a lot of sensitive habitats around there and they can easily be destroyed.

"It is also worrying when people are walking their dogs in that area.

"There are a number of organised off-road motorbike and quad biking clubs in Hampshire and the surrounding area, and we would encourage riders to seek these out rather than continually damaging common land, as well as endangering members of the public."

The damage to the public footpaths will cost around £10,000 to repair, according to Mr Lipscombe.

"At the end of the day, it will be the public's money which will be sorting this out," he added.

Hart District Council's senior countryside ranger Steve Lyons said: "The irresponsible actions of a few individuals riding illegally is dangerous to the public enjoying open spaces responsibly, and causes damage to paths, plants and wildlife habitat.

"Motorised vehicle access is not allowed to Hart commons under byelaws unless to do with the maintenance and up keep of the sites or for disabled access."

Mr Lipscombe said that even though the damage is costly, the group of riders isn't big.

"It has been reported that three people or so people are involved. We are advising people not to confront the riders but report what they see immediately," he added.

Anyone who spots an offender in action is asked to call 101 to give a description.

By **Mathew Di Salvo**
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Wind tunnel record kiss attempt

BASINGSTOKE love-birds and indoor skydiving pros John Davies, 36, and Vicki Howes, 35, tried to set the world record for the longest kiss in Airkix Indoor Skydiving wind tunnel at the weekend.

The couple came close but were beaten by another pair in Manchester.

They still managed to come second however, and kept the incredible smootch going for close to half an hour in an attempt to raise awareness for international kissing day on Sunday.

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Father Christmas' take to the track for charity

CHRISTMAS came early to Basingstoke as more than 100 people pulled on their Santa suits for a charity run on Sunday.

By **Katriona Ormiston**
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The Santa Sun Run at Basingstoke's Down Grange Sports Complex in Pack Lane saw 45 runners take on a 5k run and 25 families run, jog or walk one mile.

The families had all been supported by Sebastian's Action Trust which cares for seriously ill children and their families.

Sebastian's Action Trust's chief development officer Caroline Holton said: "The more serious message behind it is, sadly, Christmas 2014 is not something every child will be able to enjoy.

"For the children and families that took part it is a very special event.

"They were all really determined and got into the spirit of things wearing Santa hats and costumes."

About £3,000 was raised for the charity, which runs a respite holiday house called The Bluebells in North Waltham.

Sebastian's Action Trust cares for about 150 families across Hampshire a year.

One of the first runners to make it across the line in the 5k was Sebastian's Action Trust trustee Mark Courage.

The 51-year-old, from Berkshire, said: "There were a lot of smiley faces and happy laughter. It was most enjoyable. It was buzzing.

"I'm normally behind the scenes so it was great to be able to talk to the families.

"One family I spoke to had a little girl who is very reliant on a ventilator machine and we have been helping make sure they can get out and about without it being too daunting."

The event launched the charity's Christmas in July campaign which includes a 10k London Run on July 13 and a schools challenge to make the longest line of loose change.

A Lego-themed fete is to be held at The Bluebells holiday home on Saturday.

A treasure hunt, mini golf, and a tombola are among the activities between 1pm to 4pm at the house in Popham Lane, North Waltham.

A Lego designer will also be building a scale model of The Bluebells home.

• Runners stride out dressed as Father Christmas

• Sebastian's Action Trust trustee Mark Courage

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NHS vaccination

THE NHS are urging all pregnant Hampshire women to get vaccinated against whooping cough.

Around 60 per cent of pregnant Hampshire women are already vaccinated.

Dr Clare Simpson, Hampshire, Dorset and Isle of Wight screening and immunisation lead said: "You can protect your unborn baby from getting whooping cough in its first weeks after birth by having the whooping cough vaccination while you are pregnant."

Summer fete

A CARE home in Basingstoke is hosting a summer fete this coming weekend.

At the Basingfield Court Residential Care Home in Old Basing, there will a variety of stalls selling crafts, plants, homemade cakes and a tombola and raffle. Visitors will also be able to enjoy live music.

Donations to attend the event will all go to the Residents activities fund to pay for trips for residents.

The fete at the Sanctuary Group home in Huish Lane Saturday runs from 2 to 4pm.

Hospice funding

BASINGSTOKE'S St Michael's Hospice has been granted £10,000 to help support carers.

The hospice is one of eight given the grant by Hampshire County Council last week.

It means those who voluntarily care for dying family members or friend will be given help from hospices.

Police search for station bike thief

A SERIAL thief who stole bikes from stations including Winchfield is being hunted by police.

Detectives from British Transport Police want to speak to this man after six bikes were taken from four stations across the South.

The CCTV image was published on Monday after a man cut the locks off a bike in the racks on the platform of Hinton Admiral station near Christchurch on June 17.

The other thefts took place at Fareham, Swanwick and Winchfield stations, between April 9 and June 9.

Detective Sergeant Sarah White, leading the investigation, said: "The circumstances are very similar in all these thefts. The owners secured their bikes with locks in racks at the station and when they returned, they were gone.

"I believe all six bikes were stolen by the same person, and I am determined to catch them."

Anyone with information is asked to call British Transport Police on 0800 405040.

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Breezy romance hits Basingstoke couple

A BASINGSTOKE couple just missed out on a world record for the longest kiss in a 120mph wind tunnel on Sunday.

By **Mathew Di Salvo**
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Vicki Howes, 35, and John Davis, 36, of Worting Road, kept their lips locked for 25 minutes and 43 seconds at Basingstoke's Airkix Indoor Skydiving venue in Euskirchen Way.

The couple were beaten only by a few minutes to another couple who kissed in Manchester's Airkix tunnel for 31 minutes 4 seconds.

Miss Howes, who works in the accounts department at Airkix, said: "Kissing at 120mph is difficult.

"Today I ache and have stubble rash.

"It was very fun though and great exercise.

"We knew it was going to be difficult but it is surprising how tough it was."

Basingstoke was one of the three places where couples tried to set the record ahead of International Kissing Day on Sunday.

The third was Milton Keynes where a couple clocked up a 14 minute 30 second kiss.

Miss Howes added: "We were so close. If we were to do it again, it would be a different story."

At the Airkix Indoor Skydiving venue, people can freefall in a safe environment.

Airkix CEO Simon Ward said: "Our own customer research tells us that indoor skydiving is really popular among couples, as it is a really fun shared experience.

"Large, small, old, young, sporty or not, it's a great challenge all couples can share. As we've shown today, it can also be a romantic experience and if you practice enough, you can even manage a kiss in the wind tunnel!"

· John and Vicki attempting to set the record

· John Davis, 36 and Vicki Howes, 35

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Arts funding

THE charity that runs The Anvil will get £140,000 of Arts Council England funding.

The grant was announced on Tuesday for the Anvil Trust between 2015 to 2018.

The chief executive of Anvil Arts, Christine Bradwell, described the award as "great news for Basingstoke".

Valuables stolen

A ROTARY watch and 18 carat gold sovereign ring were burgled from a Hatch Warren home.

A black iPhone 4S, Sony Vaio lapton and aftershave were also stolen when thieves broke into the Primrose Gardens home on June 21.

Police are appealing for anyone with information to call them on 101.

Town improves

TRADERS gave the nod of approval to Top of Town improvements one year on from a project to revitalise the town centre.

Of the businesses at a special yearly review meeting on Tuesday for the Basingstoke Town Centre Programme, 76 per cent said it was making good progress.

The review came exactly one year after the launch of the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council scheme.

The council's cabinet member for regeneration Terri Reid, - who is now leading the project - said: "The programme is beginning to make a big difference to Basingstoke and I'm really pleased to see so much progress in the first 12 months."

Teens arrested on murder suspicion

A MURDER inquiry was launched last night after the death of an 18-year-old man from Basingstoke.

A 14-year-old girl and a 16-year-old girl, also from Basingstoke, were arrested on suspicion of murder yesterday and are in police custody.

The 18-year-old, who has not been named, was pronounced dead at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital in Aldermaston Road despite full medical efforts to save his life.

Paramedics found the teenager in cardiac arrest at about 2.30pm yesterday and called the police.

Police were speaking with his next-of-kin last night but have not released his name.

A post mortem examination will be conducted by a Home Office pathologist to establish the cause of death.

The 16-year-old boy and 14-year-old girl will be interviewed by officers.

An investigation into the death is being led by the Hampshire Major Investigation Team under the name Operation Plate.

Officers were conducting house-to-house enquiries in the Frescade Crescent last night as part of their investigation.

But police but are not looking for anyone else in connection with this incident.

Anyone with information which may assist the enquiry should ring Hampshire Constabulary on 101 and quote Operation Plate.

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Pothole cash plans revealed

THE £6million pothole cash for Hampshire will go towards new road repair machines, it has been announced.

The Observer revealed the county got £6m from a £168m Government pothole fund last week.

Hampshire County Council said on Thursday part of the money will go towards buying Jetpacking machines.

The high-speed patching device fixes smaller more common cracks and crevices.

The funds will also be used to hire multihog machinery - which means crews can repair up to 200 square metres of road in one day, and on a project to seal road gaps to stop water getting in and damaging the road.

Basingstoke MP Maria Miler said: "This is great news for everybody who uses the roads in Basingstoke.

"More than £6m of new funding will go a long way to dealing with the menace of potholes."

The repair work has to be finished by 2015.

Prime Minister David Cameron launched the fund.

Mr Cameron said: "Hampshire County Council has shown it is one of the leading areas in the country in its determination to beat potholes, and is receiving extra cash as a result."

Seán Woodward, executive member for economy, transport and environment at Hampshire County Council, said: "There is a great deal of work to be done to repair damage done during the recent long and exceptionally wet winter."

Basingstoke's new bishop announced

By **Mathew Di Salvo**
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DOWNING Street announced the new Bishop of Basingstoke last week.

The Reverend Canon David Williams, said he is "excited" and "privileged" to be picked as a religious figurehead for the town.

The 53-year-old is currently Vicar of Christ Church in Winchester will be ordained as Bishop of Basingstoke on September 19 in Winchester Cathedral.

Rev Williams said of the appointment: "It is a privilege. I am really excited about being part of this creative, vibrant town."

Rev Williams, who lives in Winchester and is planning to move to Basingstoke, is due to be placed at a Basingstoke church on September 21.

He has served in the Diocese – which covers most of Hampshire - for thirteen years.

He succeeds the Right Reverend Peter Hancock, now the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

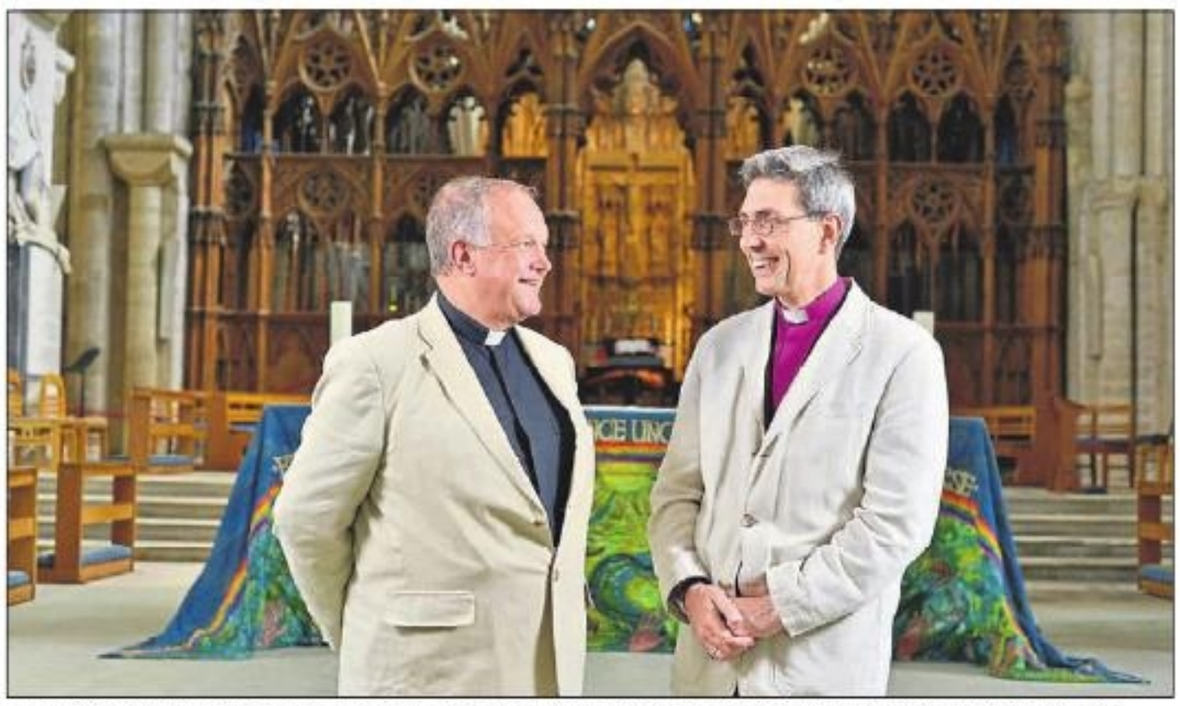
Along with his wife Helen, Rev Williams has worked closely with residents in and around Winchester.

Rev Williams said his close ties to the community will help him in his new role.

He said: "Over the last 13 years I have grown to know and love the people, the churches and the communities of this area.

"Over that time I've met some really inspiring clergy and enjoyed working with many organisations, doing great things and changing people's lives.

"I now want to build on that in this new role as bishop."



• (Left to right) The Bishop of Winchester, the Right Reverend Tim Dakin with the future Bishop of Basingstoke the Reverend Canon David Williams

Some of the Reverend's work included setting up a street pastors project in Winchester to patrol the city's streets and offer help and care for residents.

The scheme is thought to have reduced crime in the city.

He has also worked with the Basingstoke street pastors in the past.

The consecration at Winchester Cathedral is the first in the city for many years.

He grew up in East Africa and has taken part in missionaries in Kenya.

Rev Williams added: "I think it is important for senior church leaders to have a global perspective.

"Working in one of the poorest parts of Africa teaches you about the fragility of life and how to work with the toughest challenges. That is something I hope to do in Basingstoke."

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Factory exhibition

AN exhibition about a metal casting factory famous for creating the lions in Trafalgar Square will launch at the Willis Museum on Saturday.

The Morris Singer Foundry, an art foundry which also helped cast Henry Moore's bronze sculptures, was based in Basingstoke from 1967 to 1999.

A reception at the Market Place museum will launch the exhibition's opening from 11.30am.

The foundry is now based in Lasham village six miles south of the town.

War Horse history

THE military advisor for Spielberg's film War Horse is at Basingstoke's Discovery Centre tonight.

Andy Robertshaw, who often appears on Channel 4's Time Team and gave tips as a history expert for War Horse will share stories from behind the scenes at 7pm.

Burglary warning

POLICE are warning Cliddesden residents to be vigilant after burglars stole money from two homes.

The thieves broke into one house on June 19 and the other between June 17 and June 21 while the owners were on holiday.

Police Constable Craig Bannerman, from Basingstoke Police Station, said: "This is a very low crime area but I want to ensure residents of Cliddesden are aware.

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101.

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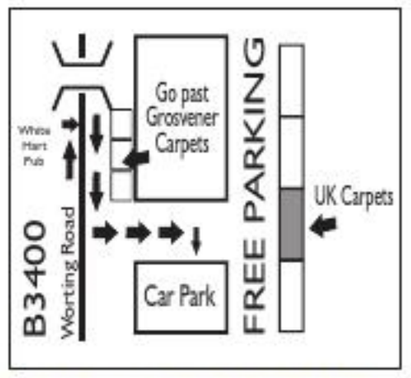

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Fresh start for pub

· (Left to Right) Andrew Gardner from Enterprise and The Rising Sun publican Chris Wood.

THE Rising Sun pub in Basingstoke has had a major revamp thanks to a pub refurbishment programme and will be opening its doors as a "traditional family pub" later this month.

By **Mathew Di Salvo**
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Enterprise, the UK's leading pub company, has invested £60,000 into the The Rising Sun, formerly known as The Way Inn, which was closed in February.

The pub is only open at night currently but will be open during the day and serving food from July 12.

Chris Wood, 38, a publican with over 20 years experience explained why he wanted to take over the pub: "Going for a nice, chilled drink after work on Fridays seems to be difficult in Basingstoke. I want to bring back that custom.

"It will be a traditional, family pub, serving good food at reasonable prices."

Refurbishments included redecorating the pub, installing a new dining area and big garden with a terrace.

Publican Wood also hopes to showcase new talent in the pub:

"We want to become known for our live music, so at weekends we will be showcasing various local bands in the bar area.

"I hope to liaise with the college in Basingstoke so new bands can have a chance to play in The Rising Sun and get heard."

Enterprise's regional manager, Andrew Gardener said: "There aren't many pubs like The Rising Sun left in Basingstoke, but by investing in the facilities and supporting Chris's own plans for growing the business, we are confident it will prove a popular destination for people throughout the town."

· Entrance to Naomi House Children's Hospice

Revamp work underway at Hampshire children's hospice

THE Refurbishment of Naomi House Children's Hospice in Sutton Scotney began on Tuesday.

The £4million refurbishment plan of the building was announced earlier this year.

Building work, which will go on until April next year, will see the development of children's rooms, making them bigger with more family space.

A bridge linking Naomi House to Jacksplace – the building that provides care for young people over the age of 16, will be constructed. Rooms for activities and music therapy will also be built.

Mark Smith, Deputy Chief Executive at Naomi House said:

"We are delighted to announce the appointment of Reside Construction as our main contractor to fully refurbish Naomi House children's hospice. Today marks another very important milestone in our journey towards creating a hospice building which fully meets the needs of the life-limited children and families we care for from across central southern England. These families deserve the very best environment in which to receive the invaluable care and support provided by the nurses, carers and support teams at our hospice."

Staff handed over the keys to the hospice to Reside Construction, a Romsey based construction firm, on Monday.

Over £4m needs to be raised so the charity can fully refurbish the hospice.

Naomi House and Jacksplace hospices offer round the clock care to children with life-limiting conditions to families from Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire, Berkshire, the Isle of Wight, West Sussex and Surrey.

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Catering finals

A BASINGSTOKE chef made it to the finals of the Pride Catering's Chef of the Year 2014 competition.

Jan Bolsover, who works as a caterer at a Sentinel care home in Abbey Court, Popley, received a branded jacket, a medal, certificate and a goody bag for getting to the final stage.

Toni Snarey, the Older Persons Scheme Co-ordinator for Abbey Court, commended Jan's culinary skills:

"Since Jan has been with us she's made such a difference," said Toni.

Care home tech

USING technology for care purposes is overly popular in Hampshire.

Telecare, which uses wireless sensors to help people remain independent in their homes, has proved to benefit more people than expected.

1,200 people have benefited from the technology in a new contact, 900 more than expected.

The council plans to double investment to £20.7million over the next five years.

Hampshire County Council already spends more than £1m a day caring for the elderly.

Eastrop toilets

NEW toilets will be opened at Eastrop Park just in time for local school's summer holidays.

The work comes after a report was considered by council about the future of public conveniences.

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Nursery fun day

A BASINGSTOKE nursery is hosting a fancy dress ball for its yearly fun day on Saturday.

Families dressed up in ugly bug themed outfits will be entered into a best costume competition at Kiddi Caru in Broadmere Road.

Activities on the day include a tombola and raffle.

The fun day runs from 11am to 2pm.

Contact the Kiddi Caru's day nursery on 01256 397779 for more information.

Air ambulance

HAMPSHIRE residents are being asked to start raising money by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance ahead of their first "Love Your Air Ambulance Month" this October.

People are being asked by the charity to support the work carried out by paramedics, doctors and pilots by raising money to keep the air ambulance flying.

The helicopter, which is based in Thruxton Airfield, near Andover, flies to emergency crashes across Basingstoke and Deane.

The business that raises the most money will be presented with a certificate.

Young girl found

A MISSING girl who was last seen in Basingstoke last Sunday was found safe and well.

Police started looking for Ines Freitas, from Andover, on June 22 when she was seen at Festival Place on CCTV but she was found the next day.

Residents to decide where to vote at general elections

A REVIEW of where polling stations are based across Basingstoke and Deane has been launched ahead of next year's general elections.

By **Mathew Di Salvo**
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Residents are being urged to suggest where they want to cast their votes to decide the country's next Prime Minister.

The Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council consultation runs until August 25.

People can tell the council what needs to be done to improve how they get to their nearest polling station.

Karen Brimacombe, who is the acting returning officer who organises voting for the Basingstoke constituency, said: "The council aims to provide places for people to vote that are within easy reach of where they live and are easy to access for everyone. This is not always easy and we are keen to hear if people have had any problems with getting to or into the buildings designated as polling places and to hear suggestions for alternative locations that might provide better access."

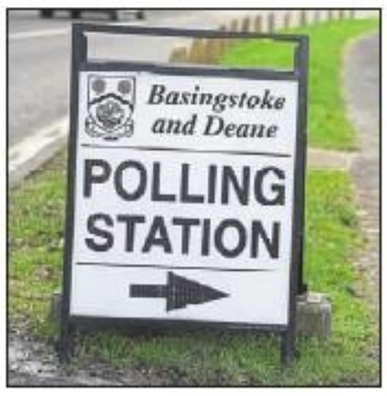
Residents can suggest polling station locations, advise if they are close and easy enough to get to, explain any problems they have had accessing them.

After the consultation, the council will review feedback and The Electoral Commission will consider the review.

Then, if necessary, draft proposals will be made to change polling stations.

The council aims to introduce any changes before the general election on May 7, 2015.

To take part in the consultation go to basingstoke.gov.uk or email polling.review@Basingstoke.gov.uk.



Barber's hairoic cutting challenge

A VERSACE logo carved carefully into a friend's hair bagged a Basingstoke barber a national title.

Danny Raggos's trimming skills were tested in a boxing ring in Wales on May 25 for the British Barbers' Association competition.

The 30-year-old, who is based at Raggos Barbering Studio in Shakespeare Road, said: "There was lots of live cutting and the BBA boxing ring was a fantastic idea for the live competitions.

"I was extremely pleased on winning the title belt."

He won the Pattern Master category with the designer pattern shaved in front of hundreds of people watching for the national final.

There are three categories within the competition; Creative Master, Classic Master and Pattern Master, all of which had 10 finalists.

Industry experts judged the competitors' abilities to cut speedily with technique.

Danny Raggos, 30, with his award

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Hospital awards

HOSPITAL doctors, nurses and staff nominated by patients for their work will be celebrated on Friday.

The monthly WOW Award winners will be announced at The Ark at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital.

About 150 nominations are made each month before a panel picks a small number of winners.

World record call

THE chairman of Hampshire County Council, Colin Davidovitz, is urging people to join a world record attempt for the largest ukulele ensemble.

Cllr Davidovitz took up the ukulele this week.

The attempt at Southampton Football Club on July 18 needs more 2,134 to beat the record set in Japan.

The councillor said: "I hope a lot more people will come along with their ukuleles too, including my colleagues."

In it to win it

ST Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from June 27.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 23835 of Alton, while ticket 16887 of Basingstoke claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Basingstoke ticket 72274, and Tadley ticket 87946 gets fourth prize of £20.

Sixteen prizes of £5 go to tickets 81313, 13493, 19819, 31762, 82155, 58843, 10464, 47853, 48736, 60106, 13333, 57861, 85062, 85614, 86100 and 41041.

Abandoned horse back to full health

A NEGLECTED horse found hungry and dehydrated in a Basingstoke field has been nursed back to health.

By **Katriona Ormiston**
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Three-year-old Holly was found in April 2011 with 10 other thin horses crawling with lice, worms, and some with overgrown feet.

The RSPCA nurtured the stunning grey cob over three years.

Holly has now been declared fighting fit, ready to ride, and looking for a new home.

Sue Walters, manager of RSPCA Millbrook in Surrey, where Holly is being cared for, said: "She is a very sweet natured and easygoing pony.

"She is very striking, she's got a very impressive mane."

Holly is 13 hands tall, passported, microchipped and vaccinated.

The man who owned the herd pleaded guilty to welfare offences and was disqualified from keeping horses for five years and given a suspended prison sentence.

The appeal comes after the RSPCA announced a steep jump in the numbers of horses abandoned or neglected across Hampshire on Thursday.

Last year inspectors rescued 163 horses, ponies and donkeys in the county – compared to 65 in Cornwall and 44 in Buckinghamshire.

Between 2009 and 2013 the RSPCA saw an increase of 500 per cent in the numbers rescued in Hampshire.

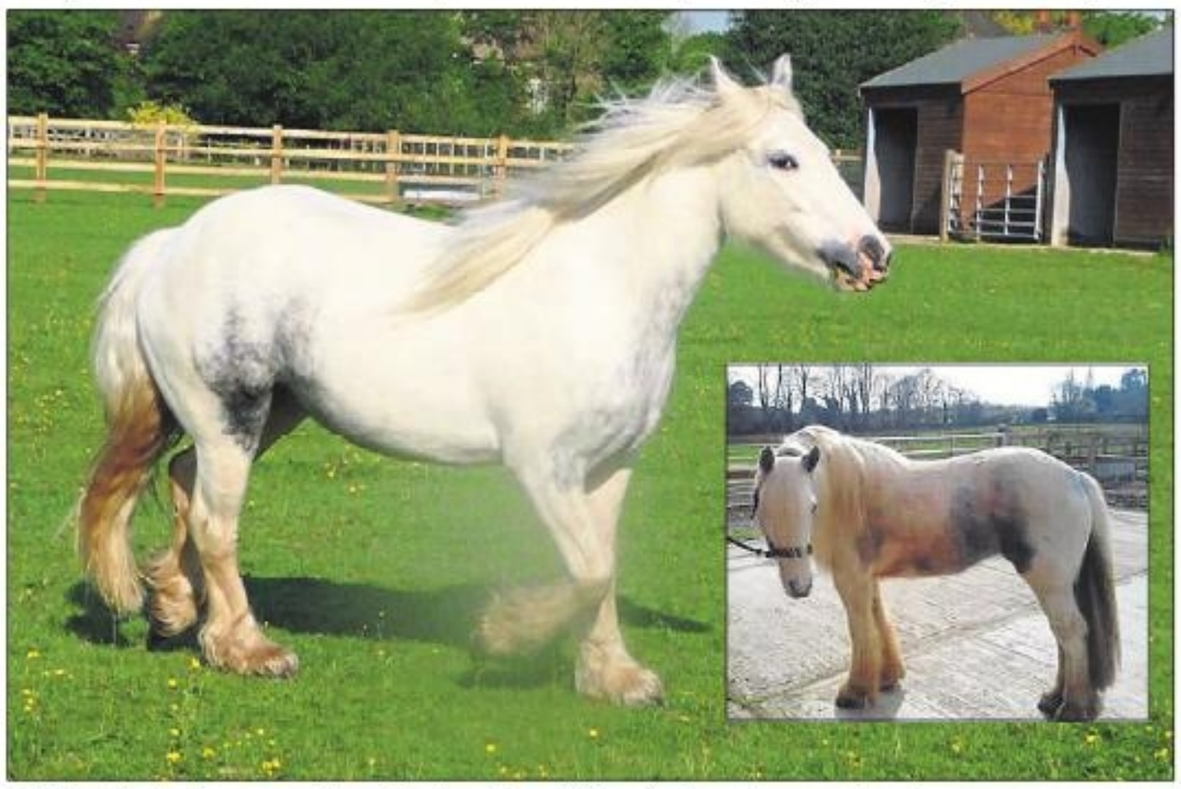
RSPCA chief inspector Cathy Hyde, who heads a team of equine officers, said: "There has been a marked and very worrying increase in equine neglect and abuse.

"In 2009 we were removing on average two horses a day. What is most shocking is that we are now removing on average five horses a day.

"This disturbing trend seems to be affecting equines more than any other animal."

The RSPCA's rehoming operations manager, Abigail Moon, added: "Even though we are rehoming record numbers of horses and ponies we are rescuing more and more each day and still have hundreds looking for fantastic new owners."

For more details about Holly call RSPCA Millbrook on 0300 123 0740.



• Holly after being nursed back to health and (inset) when she was found

Rogue trader cons elderly woman of £40

A MAN offering to help an 81-year-old woman with her garden disappeared with her money in Sherfield-on-Loddon.

Police released an e-fit (below) of the rogue trader on Thursday following the con on Sunday, June 8.

The man asked to carry out gardening work for the woman at her Northfield Road home.

He was paid £40 in cash to cut back a hedge.

The man said he would return in 30 minutes but disappeared.

Police Constable Lisa Graham, from Basingstoke police station, said: "I would like to speak to anyone who may recognise the man from the e-fit or who may have been approached by him in the area."

Police are warning people to ask anyone who knocks on their door for identification.

They added residents looking for work done should ask for recommendations, get a written quote, shop around, do not pay cash upfront, and watch out for elderly neighbours.

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Wheelchair treasure hunt aids disability awareness

MEXICANS, pirates and mermaids all came to Basingstoke town centre for a treasure hunt to raise awareness of learning disabilities.

By **Mathew Di Salvo**
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The Basingstoke Roll event saw people from businesses and organisations dress up for the cause as part of Learning Disability Week from June 16 to 22.

Nine teams competed to reach the treasure at the Top of the Town in the event organised by Basingstoke learning disability charity Mencap.

Each team had to use one wheelchair, provided by Shopmobility, to get a sense of the difficulties.

Shella Smith, 33, head of HR at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, said: "It was real eye opener to use a wheelchair. It reminded me what we take for granted. It was such a struggle at times to get to the treasure."

The teams included Sainsbury's, Tesco, ASDA, and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

• (Left to Right) Louise Stoner, 33, and Shella Smith, 40

The winners of the event were Tesco who logged the fastest time, with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council scooping the best-dressed prize for their Mexican theme.

Ms Smith: "It was really good fun and I am really pleased our clothing won the best-dressed category."

Members of Basingstoke Mencap held clues for the teams around the town at the June 21 event.

The charity supports adults by teaching them life skills and supporting them at home.

Catherine Moll, the office and development manager for Basingstoke Mencap, said of the event: "We had a fantastic day and were so happy that the event really made an impact on the people who took part.

"Team members said they would treat wheelchair users better in the future, and that they now felt comfortable talking to people with learning disabilities."

Prizes were donated by The Sports Centre, The Fitness Experts, The Holiday Inn, The Hilton, QHotels, Box Hair and Five Mile Media.

Teams that sponsored The Basingstoke Roll came from McDonalds, the AA, i-transport, and Barons.

Kids put chemical reaction skills to the test

SCHOOLCHILDREN'S engineering skills were put to the test at a fun science event in Tadley last week.

They were tasked with sparking a chain reaction from classroom and household objects at Tadley Community Centre on June 25.

The year five and six pupils also had to build towers from straws and masking tape to hold a weight.

Pupils from Burnham Copse Primary in Tadley, Whitelands Park Primary in Thatcham, Spurcroft Primary in Thatcham, and Tadley Community Primary were among the seven schools which stepped up to the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) challenge.

The Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane, Roger Gardiner, was among the judges.

He said: "AWE is to be congratulated for the great work it does in the local community and for promoting science and engineering in our local schools."

But Hampshire's schools did not manage to make their reaction as explosive as the winning Newbury school Nicolas CofE Junior School - who won £500.

The Chain Reaction Challenge is run every year by a group of AWE graduates.

Second place with a £300 prize went to Aldermaston CofE Primary, in Aldermaston and third place with £100 went to Fir Tree Primary in Newbury.

AWE builds nuclear warheads for Trident, a submarine-launched ballistic missile as part of the Government's nuclear deterrent programme.

They have bases at Aldermaston and Burghfield.

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Health checks

ALL residents across Hampshire are now eligible for NHS health checks from their GPs, Hampshire County Council announced on Friday.

Residents previously had to be 40 to 74 to be invited for the 20 to 30 minute assessment.

The county council's public health team introduced the changes to prevent developing conditions like diabetes.

The assessment includes routine tests like blood pressure, cholesterol, and BMI checks before health advice is given.

Company praise

BASINGSTOKE MP Maria Miller applauded a company's apprenticeship scheme.

She visited IT company Fujitsu at their Basingstoke offices in Grafton Way last month.

She said: "Apprenticeships are an important route into further education and employment and it is good news that the number of apprenticeships in Basingstoke has doubled since 2010."

Safety sessions

MORE than 1,400 children across Basingstoke will learn about first aid, and cyber, fire and sea safety over the next two weeks.

The Think Safe project at Bramley Training Camp was organised by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

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For full details, go to centralstudio.co.uk.

A fairy tale

LITTLE Red, a new production that asks why people accept fairy tales without asking what happened beforehand, is staged at the Proteus Creation Space on Saturday.

Children are often told tales about heroes and villains, but their back story is often ignored, and the reason for their character in the story is never discovered.

It starts at 7.30pm, and further information can be found at proteustheatre.com.

Artists rifles

AN EXHIBITION about a 19th century volunteer regiment under the threat of French Invasion goes on display at The Willis Museum and Sainsbury Gallery from Saturday.

It tells the story of the Artists Rifles, running until July 13. Go to basingstokefestival.co.uk for details.

A battle for morality

BASINGSTOKE Youth Theatre host their adaptation of the classic play The Good Person of Szechwan at The Haymarket next Thursday.

By **Adam Flinn**
adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Set in an unjust society, the story follows a young prostitute who struggles to lead a life that is deemed 'good'.

She finds the only way she can achieve good is to deceive people, so she switches between two personas in order to be successful.

But it all starts to go wrong, and the audience is left to decide the ending of the piece.

Members of the youth theatre group have been working on the show since February, in what is a collaboration between Anvil Arts, Central Studio and Proteus Theatre.

"We're taking the concept of The Good Person of Szechwan and updating it with conflict in the 1950s," said show director and Proteus' deputy chief executive Ross Harvie.

"We're taking the original 1948 piece and doing it in 1950s Russia, which gives it more of a concept of the current conflict in Ukraine and Russia.

"The youth theatre is up to 30 young people performing twice a year, while working with professional artists locally and nationally.

"It's a professional production for young people who aren't used to performing on a big scale."

Steph Monger, centre director at Central Studio, said: "The youth theatre has been rehearsing weekly here since February, working with dedication and enthusiasm.

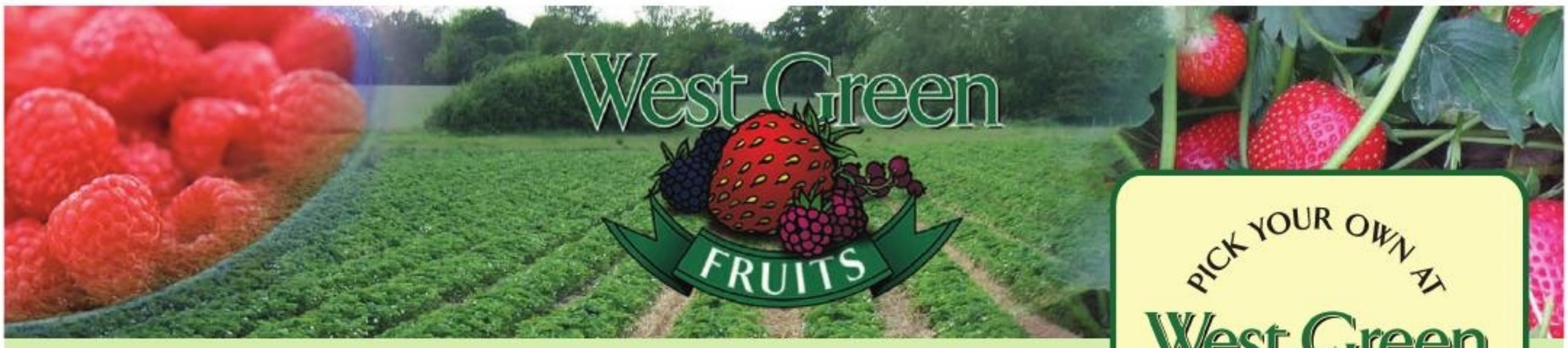
"We can't wait to watch the final performance!"

Christine Bradwell, chief executive at Anvil Arts, added: "It is wonderful to see the young people in Basingstoke Youth Theatre growing in skills and confidence with every production.

"Anvil Arts is very pleased to be working with Proteus and Central Studio to give these performers of the future a great experience at The Haymarket."

Next Thursday's show starts at 7.30pm. To book tickets, call the box office on 01256 844244 or go to anvilarts.org.uk.

• Youth theatre members in rehearsals ahead of next week's show (Picture by D&M Photography)



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Shows start at 7.30pm tomorrow and Saturday. Go to anvilarts.org.uk to book.

Show cancelled

FLASH Mob, which was due to visit The Anvil this evening, has had to be cancelled.

The nationwide tour did not reach ticket sales successes of the West End and has finished early.

For ticket refunds contact The Anvil box office.

Pygmalion

THE story of a phonetics professor who bets he can train a Cockney flower girl to pass for a duchess at a garden party comes to the Bordon Phoenix on Tuesday.

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Choirs mark centenary

TWELVE choirs from around Basingstoke will mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War at The Anvil on Sunday.

The Basingstoke Festival of Choirs will see singers perform a range of pieces from the early 20th century up to the present day, accompanied by the Heritage Light Orchestra.

The concert will conclude with sections of Karl Jenkins' acclaimed piece 'The Armed Man' for the finale.

"The idea is to bring choral groups together in Basingstoke, some small, some large, and give them the chance of performing at The Anvil," said Marilyn Wright, secretary of the Festival of Choirs.

"We did the first one in 2012, which was the Queen's jubilee celebration, so we're aiming to do a performance there every two years.

"This time they're performing with the Heritage Light Orchestra, so it will be a first for most of them to sing with a full orchestra."

The Festival of Choirs was set up three years ago to bring choral groups together and extend their repertoire.

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Each choir has its own specialist style of singing to different music.

"By coming together you can share your repertoire with everybody else," Marilyn added.

"We encourage them to sing more widely, and hopefully have a really enjoyable experience."

Sunday's concert from 7pm will also be raising money for Care For Casualties, who help injured soldiers from the Rifles regiment in Winchester.

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• *The Festival of Choirs returns to The Anvil (Picture by Alistair Jones)*

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8				6		9	2	
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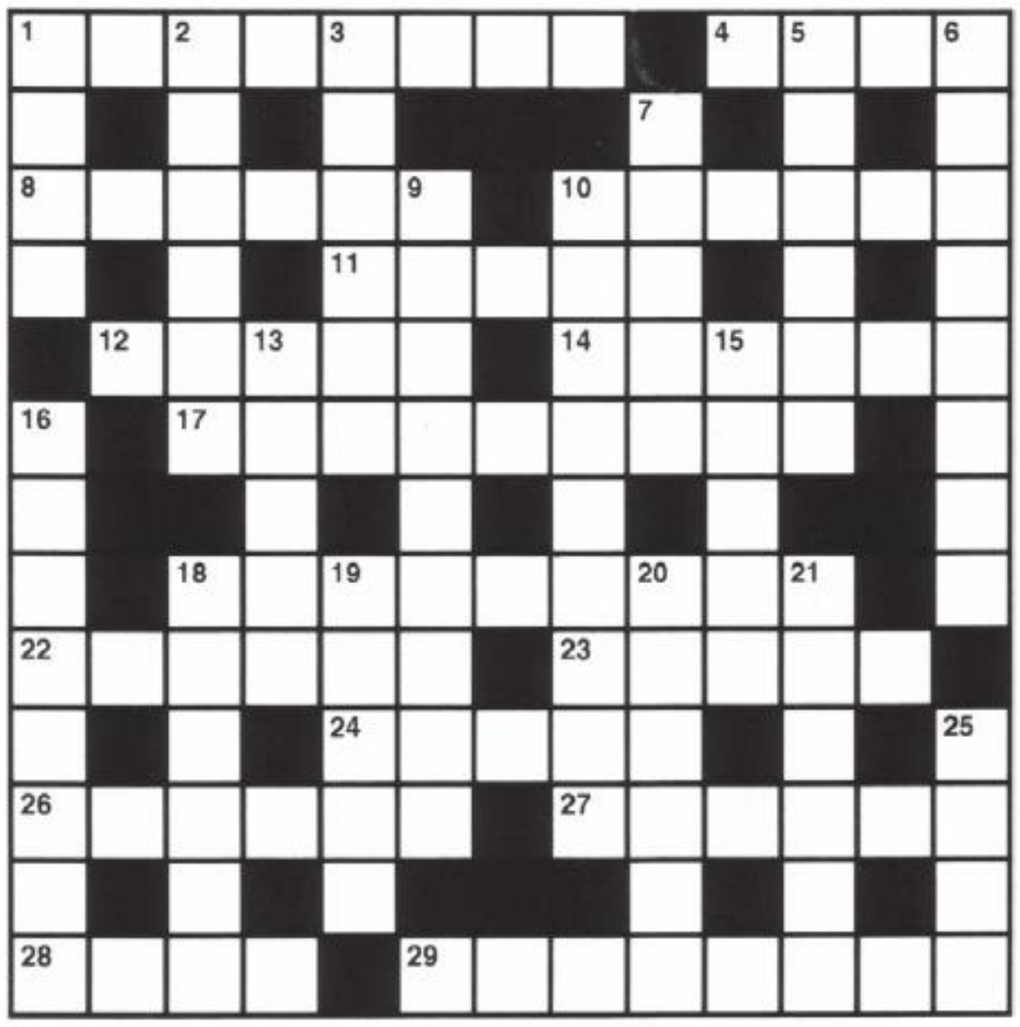
Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across
1 Large boiler (8)
4 Appear (4)
8 Snare (6)
10 Draw off (6)
11 Fools (5)
12 Arrangement (5)
14 Successfully dealing with (6)
17 Relating to harmony (9)
18 Make known (9)
22 Lump of gold (6)
23 Upright (5)
24 Approaches (5)
26 Avoided (6)
27 Fodder (6)
28 Break abruptly (4)
29 Discouraged (8)

Quick Clues Down
1 Masticate (4)
2 Speaks (6)
3 Crown (6)
5 Racial (6)
6 Directing (8)
7 Buffalo (5)
9 Professed (9)
10 Those who support a proposal (9)
13 Expiring (5)
15 Section (5)
16 Sharpness (8)
18 Tropical lizard (6)
19 Principle (5)
20 Bear-like (6)
21 Pastry (6)
25 Repair (4)

Cryptic Clues Across
1 Tap the end of the drink (8)
4 The fellow feels sore (4)
8 A poet takes nothing on the ship (6)
10 Pay to get rid of the tattered edge? (6)
11 Fight against the return of the invalid (5)
12 Have no right to assert it is valuable property (5)
14 See that it is not frozen (6)
17 Charged with looking after about ten that are corroded? (9)
18 Said in return to be about a meter across the circles (9)
22 The peasant is not hot - that is, at the end (6)
23 In a few games of tennis there is always something put in (5)
24 Show scorn when the visionary has a new beginning (5)
26 The consequence of being sure about the officer (6)
27 Being secretive about one's age in a wise way (6)
28 We hear there is a canvas at the auction (4)
29 The last month brought comfort to the dead man (80)

Cryptic Clues Down
1 Fruit for a sour person (4)
2 Select a hundred stockings? There's nothing in it (6)
3 Express impatience about sin up the tower (6)
5 Get something distasteful from a march or ride (6)
6 The spy meant somehow to get his rewards (8)
7 Although he has everything he's still a slave (5)
9 Find some merit in the hollow damage (9)
10 Denies you have to take a seat inside because of the crowded conditions (9)
13 Sail round the north in a leisurely manner? (5)
15 Weeping at the divisions (5)
16 Sees a difference and rescinds the amendment (8)
18 A lord's on his back! (6)
19 A small piece of land in the church (5)
20 The end of more anger about to cause fury (6)
21 Breaks the bond, though always in the ship (6)
25 You are old in divine surroundings - and sound like 29 (4)



Scribble space

This week's solutions

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Quick Crossword
Across: 1 Cauldron 4 Seem 8 Entrap 10 Siphon 11 Dupes 12 Order 14 Coping 17 Symphonic 18 Introduce 22 Nugget 23 Erect 24 Nears 26 Evaded 27 Silage 28 Snap 29 Deterred
Down: 1 Chew 2 Utters 3 Diadem 5 Ethnic 6 Managing 7 Bison 9 Purported 10 Seconders 13 Dying 15 Piece 16 Keenness 18 Iguana 19 Tenet 20 Ursine 21 Eclair 25 Mend

Cryptic Crossword
Across: 1 Cocktail 4 Chap 8 Aboard 10 Defray 11 Repel 12 Asset 14 Notice 17 Entrusted 18 Diameters 22 Cooler 23 Inset 24 Sneer 26 Result 27 Sagely 28 Sale 29 Deceased
Down: 1 Crab 2 Choose 3 Turret 5 Horrid 6 Payments 7 Heist 9 Detriment 10 Densities 13 Snail 15 Tears 16 Discerns 18 Dorsal 19 Aisle 20 Enrage 21 Severs 25 Dyed

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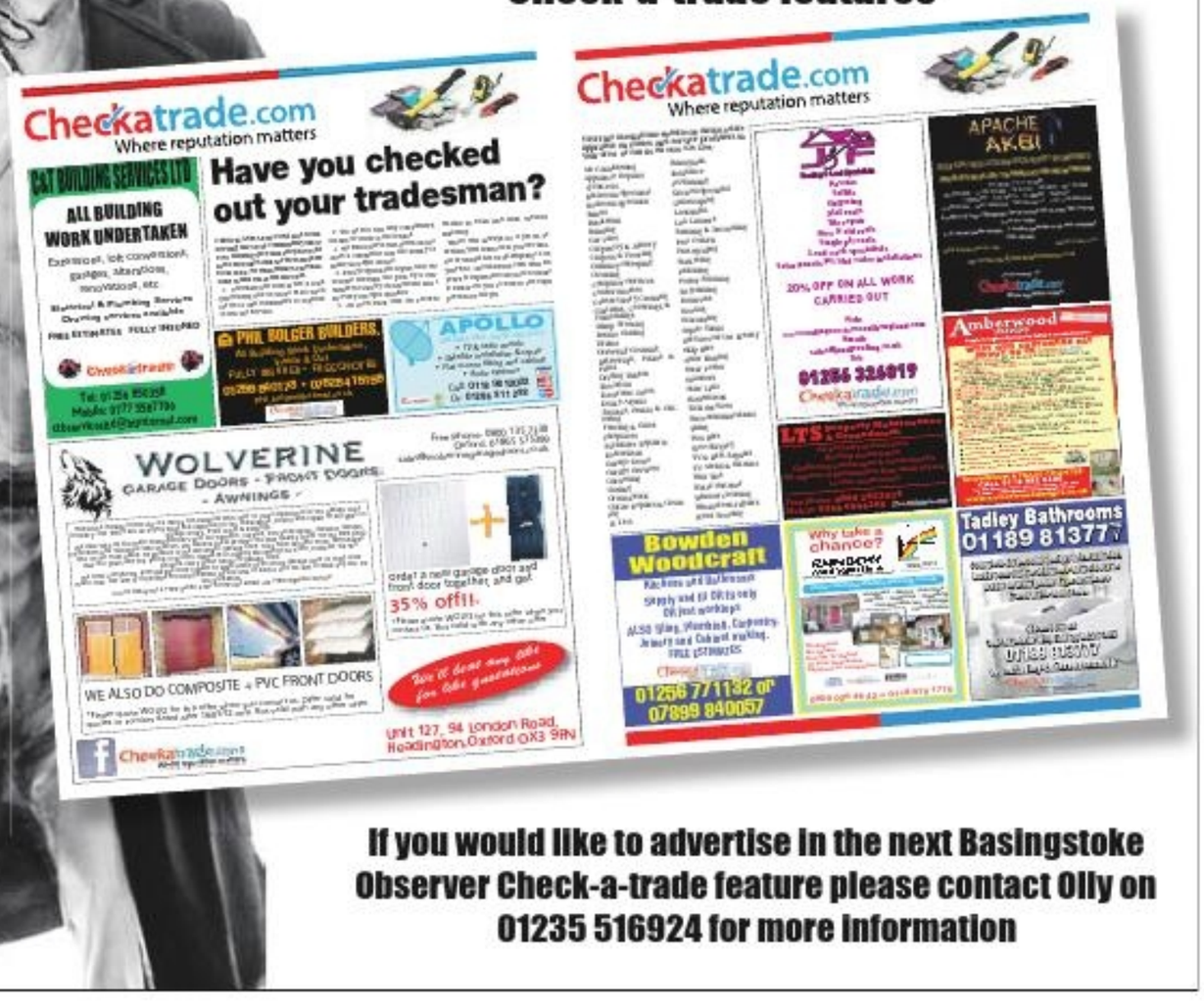

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By **James Richings**

BACK in 2005 Volvo's best selling model of the year was the XC90, which scooped 85,994 of sales worldwide.

Nine years on, the Swedish giants are hoping to replicate those figures following Volvo's advance to modern day technology with a new version.

In order to keep up to date with the latest gadgets and trends, the all-new XC90 will have an in-car control system on the market.

It is crucially easier to use, making sure that drivers will be able to keep their eyes on the road as much as possible while operating or making adjustments to the new system.

The new changes to the XC90 include integrated cloud-based applications for music streaming and the world's first integrated park and pay application.

The touch screen display can mirror and use Apple iOS devices.

Vice President of electric and electronics engineering at Volvo Car Group Thomas Müller said they made the step up because it is important for modern cars to have the Internet.

"As cars increasingly become more connected to the Internet and are able to offer a far wider range of functions and entertainment services, the way in which the driver interacts with the car's systems is becoming progressively more important," he said.

"It is essential that these services are offered in a way that does not reduce safety levels and in a manner that is easy to understand and optimised for the driving task."

The new touch screen display replaces the original selection of buttons and controls in the centre stack with one sleek control panel, to give the car that up to date look, and most importantly, to give the driver that ultimate driving experience.

The new touch screen device for the Volvo XC90 has been dubbed Sensus.

It has been modified in a way that aims to encourage drivers to build an instinctive understanding of how the system works, where the controls are located and how to operate them.

The all new Volvo XC90 will be released later on this year.

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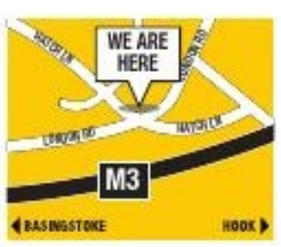

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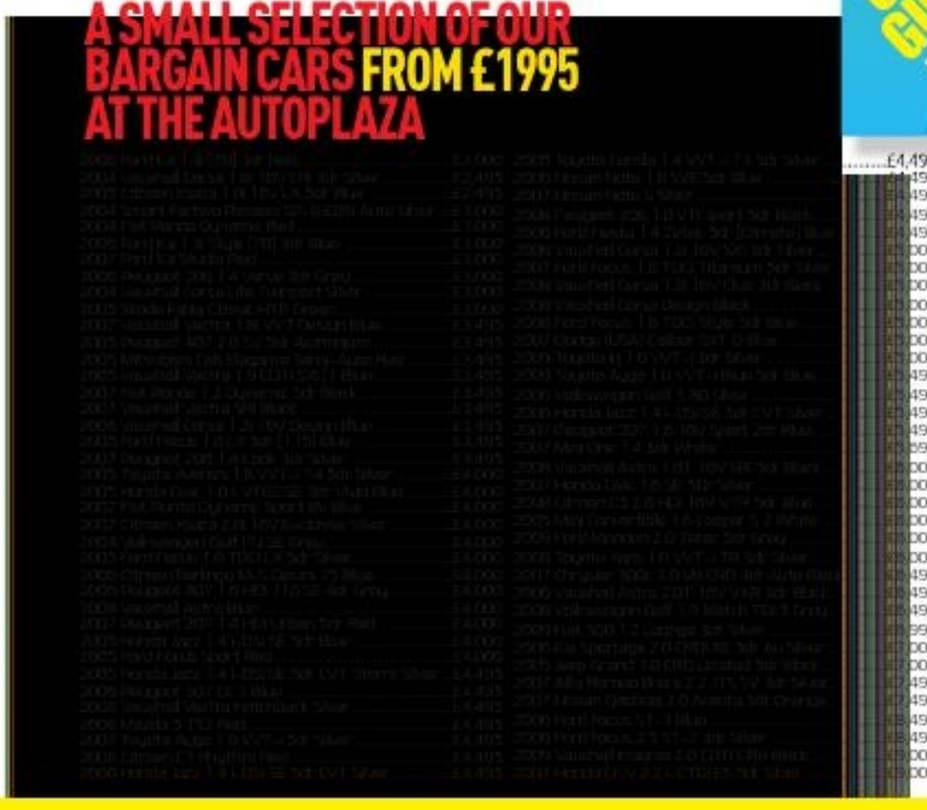

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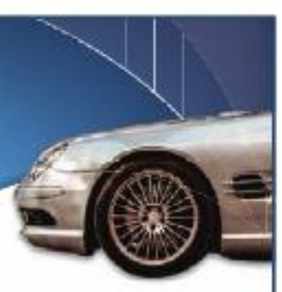

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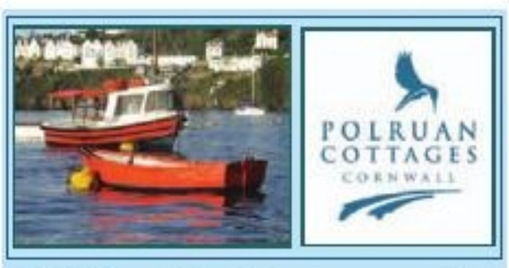

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Bad weather for cricket

NONE of North Hampshire's main cricket teams' matches survived the weather on Saturday, with all three being cancelled or abandoned.

Basingstoke and North Hants' top of the table clash against New Milton in the Southern Division One Cricket League was cancelled before a ball was bowled.

Hook and Newnham Basic's home game against Andover in the same division had to be called off, with the hosts on 19-1.

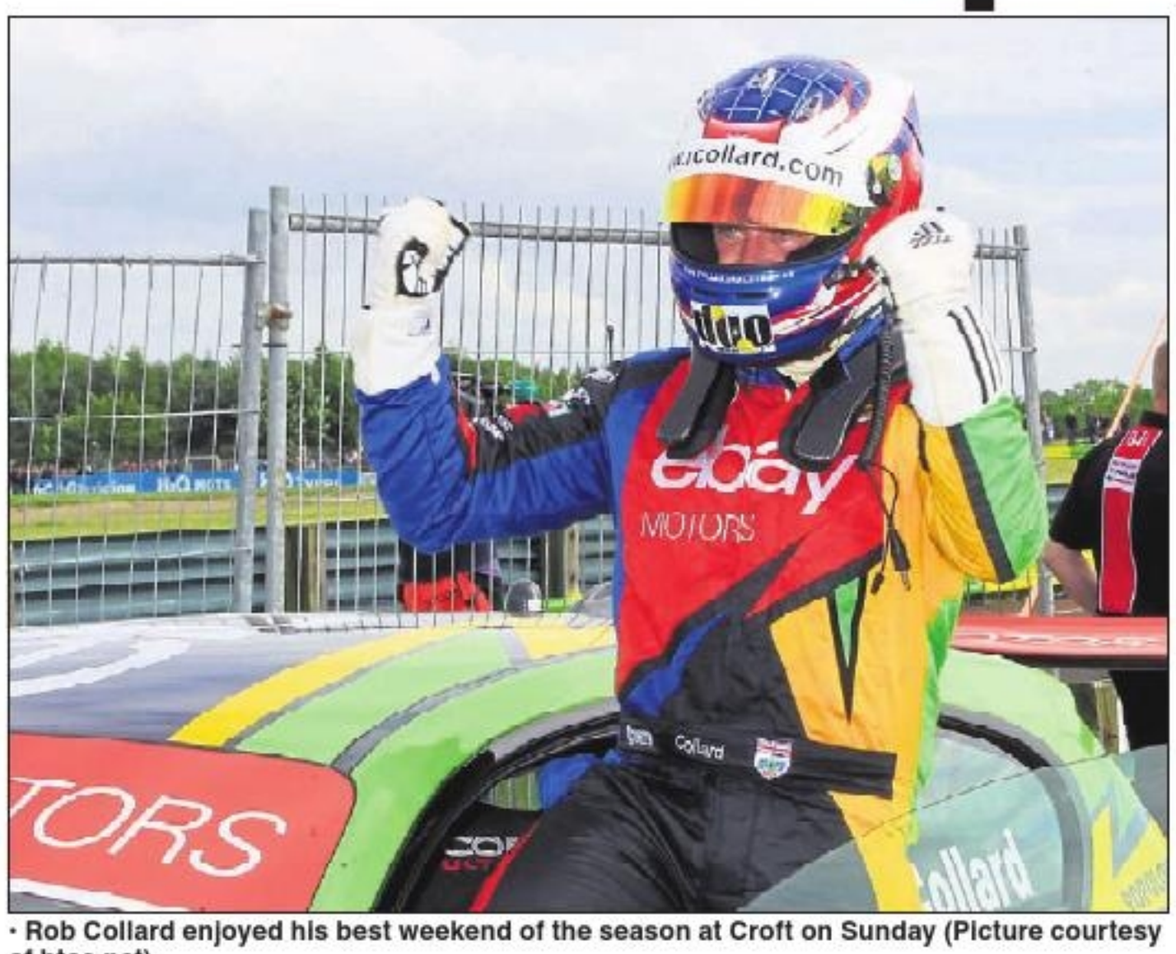
And Hartley Wintney had reached the same scoreline in their home game against Totton and Eling II in the Southern Division Two before rain stopped play.

It means that Basingstoke remain unbeaten, along with New Milton, at the top of the division one standings, while Hook are seventh in the 10-team league.

Wintney sit fourth in division two, with three wins and three losses from their opening fixtures.

Basingstoke host Sarisbury Athletic on Saturday, while Hook travel to New Milton and Wintney make the trip to Sparsholt.

Collard on cloud nine after Croft exploits



• Rob Collard enjoyed his best weekend of the season at Croft on Sunday (Picture courtesy of btcc.net)

IT was another bumper points haul for Rob Collard in the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) on Sunday, as he collected three top-four finishes at Croft.

By **Adam Flinn**
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The North-Hampshire driver qualified sixth for the first race and jumped up to fourth off the start, but was unable to get past Jason Plato's MG to progress further in the race.

He moved ahead of Plato off the start in the second race, before being overtaken by Matt Neal's Honda to drop back into fourth, where he finished.

However Neal was later disqualified for a technical infringement, elevating Collard to the podium.

And the third race was even better, as he benefited from a chaotic opening lap to eventually end the day with a second place.

"This weekend has been a fantastic way to end the first half of the year for me," said Collard.

"Sixth in qualifying was a little bit frustrating and in race one I picked up some solid points.

"We had a bit of an imbalance in the car in race two and I couldn't keep Matt behind, but then I found out I'd been promoted into the podium positions.

"The car was a lot better for the final race, and I'm going into the summer break on a high."

It was a tougher weekend for Collard's West Surrey Racing team-mate Nick Foster, who had to battle through the pack after crash damage put him out of race one.

He moved up 17 positions in the second race to come home 13th, before ending the day with a seventh-place to earn some decent points.

"Race one was a disaster for me," said Foster. "Someone hit me up the rear going into turn two and broke the suspension, and it meant I had it all to do in race two.

"It was really good to come through to 13th, and in race three I was able to build on that performance and get the kind of result I'd hoped for in race one."

Collard stays fifth in the BTCC standings with 170 points, while Foster is 16th on 48 points.

The series now takes its summer break, returning to action at Norfolk's Snetterton circuit on August 3.

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Sport Bites

Wintney ready for Binfield game

HARTLEY Wintney FC get their pre-season campaign underway on Saturday, as they travel to Binfield for their first friendly of the summer.

It is followed by a match against their reserves on Tuesday night.

Wintney also have games lined up against Aldershot Town, Thatcham Town, Wokingham and Emmbrook, Daventry Town and Henley Town throughout July.

Hamilton returns

ARCHIE Hamilton returns to International GT Open duties this weekend, as round seven and eight of the series take place at the Hungaroring in Budapest tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday.

Hamilton and team-mate Diederik Sijthoff are currently 18th in the standings, after picking up a podium at the last event at Spain's Jerez circuit on June 21 and 22.

Following on from the Hungarian round, Hamilton heads to Silverstone for the British race from July 18 to 20.

Harris selected for Glasgow

AN Overton triathlete has been chosen to represent the England team at this summer's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow later this month.

Aaron Harris will feature in the triathlon on July 24, after finishing in the top-10 at World Triathlon Series races in South Africa and Japan.

He finished 14th at his most recent event, which took place in London on May 31.

Rose ends title drought following play-off win over Stefani in Maryland

JUSTIN Rose won his first tournament since last year's US Open victory on Sunday at the Quicken Loans National in Maryland.

The North-Hampshire golfer triumphed in a play-off against the American Shawn Stefani, after both had completed the 72 holes in four under par.

His tournament had got off to a sluggish start, as he posted a three-over round of 71 on the first day of the competition.

But a six-under 65 put him back in contention on Friday, in what was the best round seen at the Congressional course that week.

He followed it up with rounds of 71 and 70 over the weekend to finish at the top with Stefani, beating the American on the first play-off hole.

The win puts Rose back up to eighth in the official world golf rankings, one behind two-time major champion Rory McIlroy.

Rose hopes to up this at the upcoming Open Championship at Hoylake in Liverpool from July 17.

In the Open he has missed the cut at his last two attempts and has not finished in the top 10 since 1998.

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'STOKE ARE SET FOR PRE-SEASON

Bristow looking forward to first friendly at Winchester

JASON Bristow said all of his players will get an opportunity to show their worth during pre-season.

By **Jack Johnson**
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Basingstoke Town returned to training on Tuesday and will also have sessions tonight and on Saturday before their first friendly next Tuesday at Winchester City.

Town begin their Skrill South campaign on August 9 and Bristow is looking forward to finalising his squad.

He said: "We will be looking to use the players we retained from last year, but to also have a really good look at some triallists we had in training and see how they can fit in to the squad.

"It is an exciting game for them and one we are looking forward to.

"You don't get points in friendlies and it is important to make sure everybody gets a good amount of time on the pitch.

"I am sure there will be a lot of chopping and changing on Tuesday, making sure we are not over using people too early, but also making sure we are giving everybody a fair opportunity to show what they can do."

Bristow added: "The players we retained from last season are players who we know will give us a good performance week in, week out and that was important for us.

"They really gel together and it is a good atmosphere so we're looking forward to the weeks going by, the squad becoming even closer and making sure we are fully prepared for the start of the season."

This Saturday Bristow will look at Town's rising stars as the club's second year scholars face Frimley Green.

Bristow said: "It is an opportunity for last year's second year academy boys to show, not only me but other clubs that are going to be invited to the game as well, what they can do.

"It is a good opportunity for them to showcase what talent they have and a good opportunity for me to look at them against some senior players."

Town will also play Yeovil Town, Reading U21s, Hungerford Town, Newport County, Swindon Supermarine, Fleet Town and Woking.

· Jason Bristow (centre) is looking forward to Basingstoke's first pre-season friendly against Winchester next Tuesday (Picture by Les Chase)

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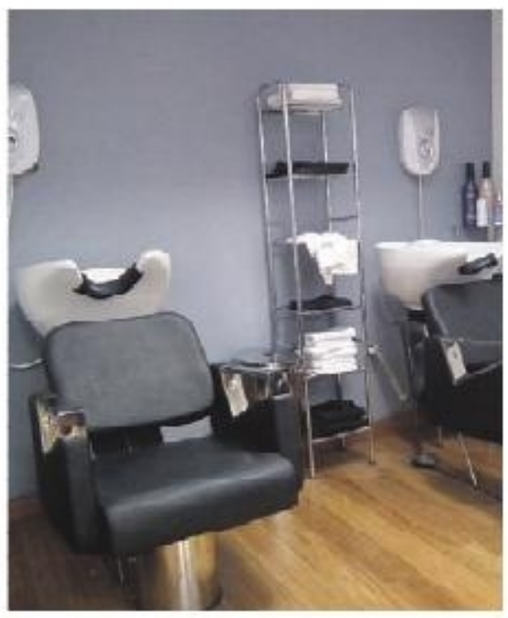

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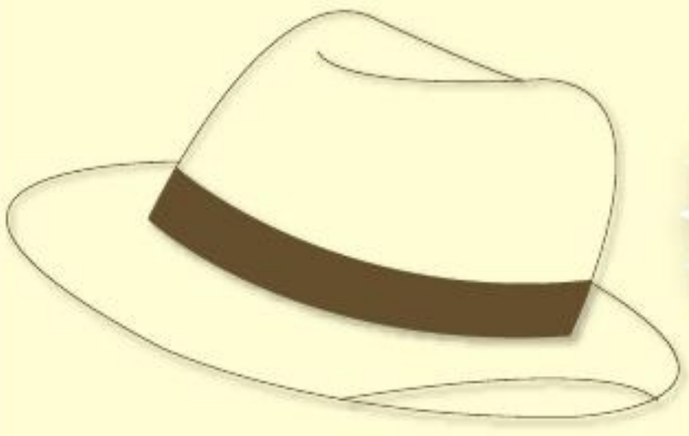

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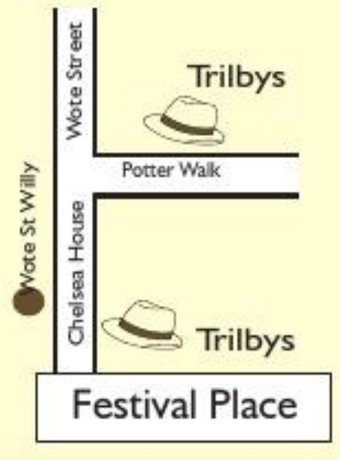

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